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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24 - CUBAN DRAFT
RESOLUTION

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO
SUBMITTED TO C-24 SECRETARIAT BY CUBA AND IRAQ FOR

CIRCULATION AUG 31:

BEGIN TEXT.

- THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE,
 - RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS OF 28 AUGUST 1972 AND 30 AUGUST 1973, AS WELL AS ITS DECISION OF 7 SEPTEMBER 1976, CONCERNING PUERTO RICO,
 - BEARING IN MIND THE RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ON PUERTO RICO ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCES OF HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HELD AT CAIRO IN 1964, AT ALGIERS IN 1973 AND AT COLOMBO IN 1976, AND BY THE MINISTERIAL MEETINGS OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HELD AT GEORGETOWN IN 1972, AT HAVANA IN 1974 AND 1977, AT LIMA IN 1975, AT ALGIERS IN 1976, AT NEW DELHI IN 1977 AND AT BELGRADE IN 1978, AS WELL AS THE RELEVANT DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON RAW MATERIALS, HELD AT DAKAR IN 1974,
 - CONSCIOUS OF THE RIGHT OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE TO MODIFY ITS PRESENT STATUS AND AWARE THAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS REFUSED TO ACT ON RELATED PROPOSALS MADE BY THE OFFICIAL ORGANS OF PUERTO RICO,
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- BEARING IN MIND PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, CONTAINED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) OF 14 DECEMBER 1960, WHICH STATES THAT: "ALL ARMED ACTION OR REPRESSIVE MEASURES OF ALL KINDS DIRECTED AGAINST DEPENDENT PEOPLES SHALL CEASE IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO EXERCISE PEACEFULLY AND FREELY THEIR RIGHT TO COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE, AND THE INTEGRITY OF THEIR NATIONAL TERRITORY SHALL BE RESPECTED"; AND TAKING NOTE OF THE FACT THAT VARIOUS POLICE AND MILITARY AGENCIES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAVE OFFICIALLY ADMITTED THE EXISTENCE OF CONTINUOUS ACTS OF PERSECUTION, HARASSMENT AND REPRESSION AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO,
- RECALLING SPECIFICALLY PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE DECLARATION WHICH STATES THAT: "IMMEDIATE STEPS SHALL BE TAKEN, IN TRUST AND NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES AND ALL OTHER TERRITORIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET ATTAINED INDEPENDENCE, TO TRANSFER ALL POWERS TO THE PEOPLES OF THOSE TERRITORIES, WITHOUT ANY CONDITIONS OR RESERVATIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR FREELY EXPRESSED WILL AND DESIRE, WITHOUT ANY

DISTINCTION AS TO RACE, CREED OR COLOUR, IN ORDER TO
ENABLE THEM TO ENJOY COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM",

- CONSCIOUS ALSO THAT ALL PEOPLES HAVE THE INALIENABLE
RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE, TO THE
EXERCISE OF THEIR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, TO RESPECT FOR
INTEGRITY OF THEIR NATIONAL TERRITORY AND TO THE EXERCISE
OF COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THEIR NATURAL WEALTH AND
RESOURCES IN THE INTEREST OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND WELL-
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- HAVING HEARD AND CONSIDERED THE STATEMENTS OF THE

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PETITIONERS AND THE DEBATE IN THE COMMITTEE,

- 1. REAFFIRMS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514 (XV);
- 2. DECIDES, THEREFORE, TO KEEP THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO UNDER CONTINUOUS REVIEW UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO HAVE BEEN FULLY ACCORDED THEIR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS, INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THE SAID RIGHTS MUST HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES AND THAT A COMPLETE TRANSFER OF POWERS MUST HAVE BEEN EFFECTED, IN ORDER FOR THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE TO EXERCISE FULLY THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO TAKE SUCH DECISIONS AS THEY MAY WISH WITH RESPECT TO THEIR POLITICAL FUTURE;
- 3. AFFIRMS THAT SELF-DETERMINATION BY THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO IN A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS MUST BE EXERCISED THROUGH MECHANISMS FREELY SELECTED BY THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE, THAT THE FINAL DETERMINATION, AFTER APPROPRIATE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, MUST ULTIMATELY BE APPROVED BY THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE AND THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING THE DECISION THAT THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO MAY ARRIVE AT REGARDING THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS, THEY WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE INALIENABLE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE WHENEVER THEY SO DECIDE;
- 4. DECLARES THAT THE PERSECUTIONS, HARASSMENTS AND REPRESSIVE MEASURES TO WHICH THE ORGANIZATIONS AND PERSONS STRUGGLING FOR INDEPENDENCE HAVE BEEN CONTINUOUSLY

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SUBJECTED BY THE UNITED STATES POLICE AND MILITARY FORCES, CONSTITUTE VIOLATIONS OF THE NATIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND

INDEPENDENCE;

- 5. DECLARES ALSO THAT THE REFUSAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO COMPLY WITH SEVERAL PROPOSALS BY OFFICIAL ORGANS OF PUERTO RICO FOR THE MODIFICATION OF THE PRESENT STATUS OF PUERTO RICO CONSTITUTED VIOLATIONS OF THE NATIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE;

- 6. DEEMS THAT IN CASE THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO, AFTER THE RECOGNITION OF SOVEREIGNTY AND TRANSFER OF POWER, DECIDES TO ORGANIZE ITSELF AS AN INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC, THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECOVER THE TOTALITY OF THEIR NATIONAL TERRITORY, INCLUDING ALL LANDS NOW OCCUPIED BY THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES;

- 7. DEEMS ALSO THAT ANY FORM OF FREE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN PUERTO RICO AND THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO COMPLY FULLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE RELEVANT

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RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OF
THE APPLICABLE INTERNATIONAL LAW, MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

- (A) IT MUST PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE
INDIVIDUALITY AND CULTURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PEOPLE
OF PUERTO RICO.
- (B) PUERTO RICO MUST ADOPT ITS CONSTITUTION, AND CAN
AMEND IT WITHOUT ANY INTERVENTION WHATSOEVER FROM THE
UNITED STATES, OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY, AND IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE FORM AND PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED BY THE PUERTO
RICAN PEOPLE.
- (C) ANY AGREEMENT OF ASSOCIATION CAN BE MODIFIED OR
TERMINATED ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURE SPECIFIED THEREIN;
IT SHOULD GUARANTEE THE FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO
RICO TO MODIFY THE ASSOCIATION THROUGH THE EXPRESSION OF
THEIR WILL BY DEMOCRATIC MEANS.
- (D) PUERTO RICO CAN, IN THE AGREEMENT OF ASSOCIA-
TION, VOLUNTARILY LIMIT ITS POWERS, BUT IT CAN DO SO ONLY
BY SPECIFIC DELEGATION, WITHOUT IN ANY WAY DETRACTING
FROM THE PRINCIPLE OF THE "RESERVATION OF SOVEREIGNTY".
POWERS NOT EXPRESSLY DELEGATED TO THE UNITED STATES OR
TO A COMMON BODY ARE RESERVED TO THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO
RICO. THERE CAN BE NO DELEGATION OF ANY POWER THAT MAKES
INEFFECTIVE THE PRINCIPLE OF "RESERVATION OF SOVEREIGNTY".
- (E) PUERTO RICO SHALL ALWAYS HAVE EFFECTIVE
PARTICIPATION IN THE SPECIFIC EXERCISE OF THE DELEGATED
POWERS AND IN THE APPLICATION OF ANY LAW, RESOLUTION OR
DECISION ENACTED OR DECIDED BY THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY.

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- (F) THE POLITICAL AND LEGAL PERSONALITY AND IDENTITY OF PUERTO RICO AS A COUNTRY IN THE SAID ASSOCIATION MUST BE SUCH THAT PUERTO RICO WILL QUALIFY TO HAVE ITS OWN REPRESENTATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND ORGANIZATIONS.
- (G) THE FINANCIAL AID OR ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAMMES OF THE UNITED STATES APPLICABLE TO PUERTO RICO SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN A FORM THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES.
- (H) THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING RESOURCES WITHIN THE MARITIME ECONOMIC ZONE SURROUNDING PUERTO RICO, SHALL BE RECOGNIZED AND RESPECTED BY THE UNITED STATES.
- 8. CALLS FOR THE UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF THE FOUR PUERTO RICAN POLITICAL PRISONERS WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED BY UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES FOR MORE THAN 24 YEARS;
- 9. REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS IN RESPECT OF THIS RESOLUTION SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO MAY FREELY EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 1514 (XV). END TEXT. LEONARD

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